Application Serial No.: 10/619,066 Attorney Docket No.: 03-041

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: WALKER et al.) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Serial No.: 10/619,066) Group Art Unit: 3713) Attorney Docket No: 03-041
Filing Date: July 14, 2003) Customer No.: 22927
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR VIDEO POKER)))

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) TO REQUEST ACCEPTANCE OF NATIONAL APPLICATION WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF ONE OR MORE INVENTORS

Sir:

Applicants request acceptance of the present application without participation of one or more inventors, which inventor(s) have either refused to join in the application or cannot be found or reached after diligent effort.

Relevant facts and proof

Applicants filed the present patent application on July 14, 2003. No Oath or Declaration was filed with the application on July 14, 2003.

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Victor M. Garcia, an inventor on the present application, is no longer employed by Walker Digital. His last known address was: 315 Willow Street, New Haven, CT 06511.

On January 14, 2004, Victor M. Garcia placed a telephone call to Applicants. Mr. Garcia indicated to Applicants that he was unwilling to cooperate in signing any documents pertaining to Walker Digital cases on which he is a named inventor. *Please see AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL D. BRINTON*.

Last known address(es) of the non-signing inventor(s)

The latest address of Victor M. Garcia is:

315 Willow Street New Haven, CT 06511

Oath or Declaration

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Applicants have filed an oath or declaration signed by all the available joint inventors with the signature block of the non-signing inventor(s) left blank.

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Petition Fee

Please charge \$130.00 for this petition to our <u>Deposit Account No. 50-0271</u>. Please charge any additional fees that may be required for this Petition, or credit any overpayment to <u>Deposit Account No. 50-0271</u>.

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If the Examiner has any questions regarding this petition or the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Michael D. Downs at telephone number (203) 461-7292 or via electronic mail at Mdowns@walkerdigital.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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I am employed at Walker Digital Management, LLC as a patent paralegal.

On January 14, 2004, Victor M. Garcia placed a telephone call to me. In our conversation, Mr. Garcia unequivocally indicated that he is unwilling to cooperate in signing any documents pertaining to Walker Digital cases on which he is a named inventor.

Michael D. Brinton

January 14, 2004

Subscribed and Sworn to before me a Notary

Public, in and for County of Jawhela and State of Connecticut, this 14 hulday

Notary Public

My Commission Expires Aug. 31, 2007